

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A connecting terminal ~~including~~  
comprising:

a connecting portion formed in a rectangular tube having a  
top plate to which a locking lancer provided in a housing is ~~to~~  
5 ~~be engaged~~ when the connecting terminal is arranged in the  
housing, wherein and

a stabilizer portion for stabilizing a posture of the  
connecting terminal within the housing ~~is~~ provided on a bottom  
plate of said connecting portion to extend in a longitudinal  
10 direction and engaging with a recess provided at a bottom portion  
of the housing when the connecting terminal is arranged in the  
housing,

wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a  
semicircular shape from one portion of said bottom plate such  
15 that a free end of said stabilizer portion is brought into  
contact with another portion of said bottom plate.

2. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1,  
wherein said connecting terminal is formed by punching, bending  
and folding a single metal plate.

3. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said stabilizer is formed on the bottom plate eccentrically.

4. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube ~~surrounded~~ defined by the bottom plate, the top plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and to the top plate ~~connected to the first side plate~~, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion includes resilient contact strips formed within the connecting portion, and each of said movable contact strips is formed by a part of the connecting portion from a rear side toward a front side.

7. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 2, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting

terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube  
~~surrounded defined~~ by the bottom plate, ~~the top plate,~~ a first  
5 side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and  
~~to the~~ top plate ~~connected to the first side plate,~~ a second side  
plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion  
connected to the second side plate.

8. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to  
claim 3, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting  
terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube  
~~surrounded defined~~ by the bottom plate, ~~the top plate,~~ a first  
5 side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and  
~~to the~~ top plate ~~connected to the first side plate,~~ a second side  
plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion  
connected to the second side plate.

Claims 9-13 (Canceled).